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Subversive Board Survives—Barely

House-Senate conferees on State-Justice Department appropriations yesterday agreed to keep the Subversive Activities Control Board alive another year, but stripped away almost all its functions.

An amendment inserted by Sen. Sam Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.)

forbids the board to undertake any of the new roles assigned it by a Presidential Executive Order in 1971. Because the courts had held all of the board's original functions unconstitutional, President Nixon in 1971 assigned it new powers to recommend the ad-

dition or deletion of organizations from the Attorney General's "subversive" list.

While adopting Ervin's amendment, the conferees allotted \$350,000 to the board (the House bill provided \$450,000, the Senate bill nothing). Ervin aides said that when the compromise reaches the Senate floor he will seek to force it back to conference and knock out the money, on the grounds that his amendment leaves the five-member board with no functions whatever.

One conference committee agreed on a compromise measure that would authorize \$4 billion over the next three years to step up aid to the handicapped, with emphasis on severely crippled persons.

The measure would extend through June 30, 1975, the 50-year-old vocational rehabilitation program. It gives grants to states to operate training centers, provide transportation and create for the first time aid for persons needing kidney transplant and expensive kidney ailment treatment.

The bill would also create nation centers to treat persons suffering from spinal cord injuries and also for the deaf.

A second conference committee approved a compromise measure to authorize between \$2 billion and \$3 billion over three years under the Older Americans Act.

That bill would set up a work training program designed to provide 100,000 public service jobs for the elderly, specifically defined in the measure—considered to be 60 who are generally—but no and over.

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